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To: ALL DPA Statewide Staff; ALL DPA State Associates; DFYS Eligibility Staff

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From Systems Operations, The Food Stamp Policy Unit, and the Policy and Program Development Team

2003 Mass Change Jobs

The Adult Public Assistance (APA), Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance Mass Change jobs ran this past weekend. These mass change jobs were completed to implement the annual APA and Temporary Assistance changes that occur as a result of the cost of living increases given to SSA and SSI recipients beginning on January 1, 2003.

The attached documents give you more information about these changes. Although the EIS mass change jobs are designed to automate the reauthorization of benefits for as many cases as possible, some cases will not have benefits authorized and others will need to have the accuracy of their benefits reviewed. The EIS reports generated by the mass change jobs are intended to identify these cases for you.

Note: A problem was detected with the Temporary Assistance (TA) Maximum Shelter Allowance calculation. Systems Operations is reviewing 1598 TA cases possibly affected and will make necessary updates to the TA and attached FS cases. These cases will reflect the PCN of MASS. This review does not affect your ability to work cases. If we see a PCN other than MASS we will assume the caseworker has worked the case and we will not make further changes.

If you have any questions about mass change or information in the attached documents, please direct your inquiries as follows:

- APA or Temporary Assistance program policy: contact any member of the Policy and Program Development Team at 465-3347 or send an email to DPA Policy or DPAPolicy@health.state.ak.us
- Food Stamp program policy: contact Joan Chase at 465-3325 or send an email to at Joan_Chase@health.state.ak.us
- EIS send an email to the DPA EIS Help Desk or <u>EISHelpdesk@health.state.ak.us</u> <mailto:EISHelpdesk@health.state.ak.us>



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